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SUB: CIVAIR BILATERAL WITH IVORY COAST

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(C) ABIDJAN 3669

1. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT, DESIRE BONI, APRIL 26 IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL (A). I POINTED OUT THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE IN THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, AND EMPHASIZED AMERICAN WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE IVORIAN WORRIES REGARDING CAPACITY ISSUE IN A SEPARATE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. I ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE TO BOTH OUT COUNTRIES OF PANAM'S AFRICAN SERVICES AND THE HOPE THAT PANAM'S SECOND FLIGHT TO ABIDJAN (188/189) WOULD NOT BE CURTAILED BECAUSE OF OUR TECHNICAL FAULTURE TO ACHIEVE AN ACCORD DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. BONI ACKNOWLEDGED THA POINTS I MADE. HE ASSURED ME THAT PANAM WOULD BE GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF ITS OPERATING PERMIT THROUGH OUT 31, 1976 THE LAST EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CURRENT ROUTE PLAN AND FLIGHT SCHEDULE JUST FILED). BONI APPARTNELY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENCY REGARDING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF A SIDE UNDERSTANDING, BUT HE APPEARED RECEPTIVE TO MY ARGUEMENTS.

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3. I DEPARTED WITH THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WHILE

IVORIANS WERE GRAVELY DISAPPOINTED NOT TO HAVE ACHIEVED  
A BILATERAL IN THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS (THE US IS THE ONLY  
COUNTRY TO OPERATE FLIGHTS INTO IVORY COAST WITHOUT A  
BILATERAL), THEY ARE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO APPLY OVERT  
PRESSURE ON PANAM AND WILL GIVE THE SECON ROUND OF  
TALKS (WHICH THEY HOPE WILL TAKE PLACE IN ABIDJAN LATER THIS YEAR)  
EVERY CHANCE TO SUCCEED.

4. PANAM HAS BEEN GRANTED ITS EXTENSION.

5. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TAKE THE OCTOBER 31  
EXPIRATION DATE TO PANAM'S CURRENT OPERATING PERMIT INTO  
CONSIDERATION IN FIXING A DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF  
NEGOTIATIONS.

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